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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Innovation and competition are core principles to progress in America. Without the largest number of providers possible the consumer will be the victim of price gouging, privacy violations and mediocre service. The broadband services are the major vehicle for free speech and commerce in the world. The speed and cost of the internet in US is out of touch with competitive prices in the world and further corporate consolidation will exacerbate the situation. The smaller companies in most cases offer better service without the restriction which are intended to control the flow of information.

The internet was developed primarily with public money and it should serve the people and not limited corporate endeavors for profit.

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